(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : : (क) एयर टैक्सी प्रचालक, उनके द्वारा प्राप्त किये गये विमानों के प्रकार के अनुरक्षण और प्रचालन के लिये प्रशिक्षण कमांडरों और इंजीनियरों की कमी महसूस कर रहे हैं। इंडियन एयरलाइंस भी बी–737 विमानों पर कमांडरों की कुछ कमी महसूस कर रही है ;

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

(ङ) जहां कहीं प्रशिक्षित कार्मिकों की आवश्यकता होती है वहां नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय के निर्देशों के अनुसार इन कार्मिकों के प्रशिक्षण के लिये व्यवस्था करना प्रचालकों का उत्तरदायित्व है और यही नियम है।

Losses to IA and AI

1392. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines and Air India are making losses continuously through airlines all over the world are adopting strategies to keep the losses away from the balance sheet; and

(b) whether Government have worked out the strategy for recouping losses and making AI and IA profit making organisations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) While Air India has not incurred any loss during the .last few years,-Indian Airlines has done so.

(b) The following are the major steps taken to minimise the losses and to make Indian Airlines a profitable venture: —

(i) Product Improvements

— Improvement in service both on ground and on board.

— Improvement in passenger comfort by increasing seat pitch in Economy Class of A-300 aircraft

— Introduction of Business Class in A-320 aircraft.

(ii) Pricing and Distribution Strategies.

— Incentives|concession introduced for customers and agents.

— Sotting up of Sales Forces to ge nerate more business.

(iii) Organisational improvements

— Changes in the organisational structure and systems to enable a speedy and cohesive response to the environment.

— Closer consultation with the em ployee Unions Associations to fos ter an atmospher of mutual un derstanding.

(iv) Increased fleet utilisation as a result of introduction of productivity linked schemes of remuneration.

(v) Increased international operations to usefully deploy available capacity.

(vi) Tip up with Air India in several areas, like joint venture operation in the Gulf countries hub and spoke operations.